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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Francois CUNCHON ET AL.

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For: **COMPUTING MACHINE WITH HARD
STOP-TOLERANT DISK FILE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Examiner:

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Corresponding to:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1 at line 4, insert the
following heading at the left-hand margin:

A1 --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, line 6, before the paragraph beginning "In a known way...", insert the
following heading at the left-hand margin:

A2 --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, at line 30, and before the paragraph beginning "To eliminate ..."
insert the following paragraph at the left-hand margin:

A3 --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;